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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: GENERAL STRIKE HITS GRENADA

1. ANTI-GAIRY ELEMENTS, FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS NOVEMBER 18 AND 20, HAVE MANAGED TO SHUT DOWN MUCH OF GRENADA'S ECONOMY WITH GENERAL STRIKE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 21 PROTESTING GOG FAILURE COMPLY WITH RESIGNATION DEADLINE NOV. 17. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MOST STORES AND TRANSPORT AFFECTED ALTHOUGH ELECTRICITY, WATER AND TELEPHONES STILL WORKING. WE HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF FURTHER VIOLENCE OTHER THAN SUNDAY'S ARREST AND BEATINGS OF OPPOSITION JEWEL LEADERS.

2. OPPOSITION STRIKE EFFORTS BEGINNING SUNDAY HAD LITTLE IMPACT AND RESULTED IN ARREST OF SIX KEY JEWEL LEADERS (INCLUDING MAURICE BISHOP, KENRICK RODINE, AND UNISON WHITEMAN) ON CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ONE POLICE RIFLE AND AMMUNITION. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SOME ANTI-GAIRY UNIONS AND OTHER OPPOSITION ELEMENTS CHARGED POLICE WITH BEATING DETAINEES AND OTHERS AS WELL AS CONDUCTING ILLEGAL SEARCHES.

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3. COMMENT: GAIRY BREEZILY TOLD EMBOFFS NOVEMBER 15  
THAT EXPECTED STRIKE WOULD GAIN LITTLE POPULAR SUPPORT  
AND THIS SEEMED TO BE CASE ON SUNDAY. HOWEVER, HEAVY  
HANDED METHODS BY POLICE OR (MORE LIKELY) GAIRY'S  
"IRREGULARS" SEEM TO HAVE HEIGHTENED ANTI-GOVERNMENT  
FEELING. TODAY'S STRIKE APPEARS TO BE HAVING WIDER SUPPORT  
AND IS EVIDENTLY MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN ABORTIVE EFFORTS ON  
SUNDAY AND TUESDAY. GOG DENIED MONDAY NEWS REPORT THAT  
SEVERAL SHOOTINGS HAVE OCCURRED AND WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE  
THAT FIREARMS ACTUALLY USED.  
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